NAEP 1998 Writing Summary Data for Grade 8
(Public Schools)
California / National Comparisons

Percentage Of Students At Each Achievement Level

Achievement Level	California	National
Average scale score*	*141*	*148*
Below basic	24	17
Basic	55	58
Proficient	19	23
Advanced	1	1

Percentage LEP and Students With Disabilities Participation

LEP Participation	California	National
LEP % in population	18	3
LEP % excluded	4	1
LEP % tested w/ accommodation	0	0
LEP % tested	13	2

Students w/ Disabilities Participation	California	National
With disabilities % in population	7	11
With disabilities excluded	3	4
With disabilities tested w/ accommodation	2	3
With disabilities tested w/out accommodation	3	5

Note: Due to rounding, categories do not always total 100%.

* The NAEP scale score for writing ranges from 100 to 300 with a mean of 150.

Race / Ethnicity

Achievement Level	White		Black		Hispanic		Asian	
	California	National	California	National	California	National	California	National
*Average scale score**	*156*	*156*	*133*	*130*	*124*	*129*	*160*	*157*
Below basic	11	11	27	29	38	32	11	11
Basic	55	57	62	64	55	58	48	54
Proficient	30	30	11	7	7	10	35	31
Advanced	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2

Parents Highest Level Of Education

Achievement Level	College Graduate		Some Education After H.S.		Graduated H.S.		Not H.S. Graduate	
	California	National	California	National	California	National	California	National
*Average scale score**	*155*	*156*	*136*	*143*	*134*	*144*	*118*	*128*
Below basic	13	12	26	19	27	17	45	31
Basic	53	53	60	62	62	65	50	63
Proficient	30	31	14	19	11	18	5	6
Advanced	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

National School Lunch Program and Gender

Achievement Level	NSLP Eligible			Male		Female	
	California	National		California	National	California	National
*Average scale score**	*121*	*131*		*133*	*138*	*148*	*158*
Below basic	40	29		30	24	18	10
Basic	54	61		54	61	55	54
Proficient	6	10		14	15	23	32
Advanced	0	0		1	0	2	2

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